

# Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Program Criteria

## Masters or Doctoral Nursing Program in Mississippi

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION – Fiscal Year 2022

Review the criteria below before completing and submitting the Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Application Form. Application responses may be sent via e-mail to [clevy@msbn.ms.gov](mailto:clevy@msbn.ms.gov) (use ONW Stipend Program as the subject line).

#### Criteria

- Be a Mississippi Resident.
- Hold current, unrestricted Mississippi RN license.
- Be a full time or part time student (3-year limit) in an accredited Nursing Masters or Doctoral Program in Mississippi.
- Submit a letter from the school of nursing verifying enrollment with anticipated date of completion and earn a GPA of at least 3.0 for courses taken each semester of the stipend (fall and spring).
- Provide **official** transcript from last completed semester.
- Sign contract with the Office of Nursing Workforce to work in Mississippi within the first two years following completion of the program. If contract is broken, funds must be repaid, plus interest.
- Submit three professional letters of reference.
- Compose a 500-word essay in English describing the impact of COVID-19 on the healthcare industry.

### Application Process

Application and attachments must be received in the Office of Nursing Workforce by Friday, May 4, 2022.

- Student Application form.
- Letter of enrollment verification from the school of nursing with the date of completion.
- Submit a copy of your current Mississippi nursing license.
- **Official** transcript showing last completed semester (sealed envelope from the Registrar's Office mailed to the attention of Christie Levy or official e-scrip, etc.).
- Three professional letters of reference as a pdf file.
- A 500-word essay as a pdf file.

### AWARD PROCESS

- The Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Committee will conduct a blind review and notify recipients by Thursday, June 30, 2022.
- The recipient will receive the stipend in (4) monthly installments of \$1,250.00 in August, October, January, and March.
- The recipient must provide an **official** transcript at the end of each completed semester throughout the term of the stipend.

**\*For more information, contact the Office of Nursing Workforce at 601-957-6300\***